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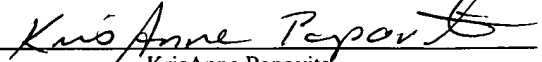
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| Appln. No.:           | 10/612,862              |                      |
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| Title:                | SMOKE EVACUATION SYSTEM | Group Art Unit: 1724 |

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF PERIOD FOR RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of two months (from November 30, 2003 to January 30, 2004) within which to respond to the Notice to File Missing Part of Application dated September 30, 2003. A check in the amount of \$275 is enclosed herewith, \$210 of which is to cover the extension fee.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 04-1420.

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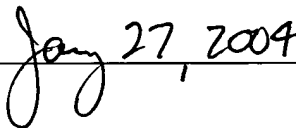
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